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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

This wireless phone is used solely by my 13 year old daughter in case of emergencies or an important need to call me when away from our house. I purchased the actual phone, 1 year of uninterrupted service and the first batch of 150 minutes several months ago. These days, it seems a wireless phone is almost a necessity in the struggle to keep ourselves and our families safe, rather than a luxury. In order to promote responsible usage and a lesson in economics, if my daughter were to use the phone for her own socializing and use up the minutes I purchased, it would be her responsibility to purchase additional minutes. Needless to say, with an income of only "pay for chores", she uses the phone for the purpose intended. If the rates were to rise, it would be a hinderance in her ability to keep to the committment of paying for the phone herself. Since these times necessitate programs like the national "Amber Alert", because of the many crimes committed against women and c!

hildren, I'm hoping you will prove your understanding that many people do not use their wireless phones merely for socializing or business, and decide to vote "NO" on this pending issue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members